(*b*) the number of acres taken out of the above class of land for registry in 1102 and 1103 in each of the pakuties ; and

(*c*) the number of acres actually registered?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Nil.

(*b*) Nil.

(*c*) Nil.

Auction of Coupes in the Quilon Division.

27. **MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list of contractors who bid in auction the coupes in the Quilon Forest Division for this year (1104) and the last two years (1102 and 1103)?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : The list* asked for is laid on the table.

Filling up of vacancies of Assistant Excise Commissioners.

28. **MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the places of Assistant Excise Commissioners now left vacant (17-11-1104) and the periods for which they were left vacant?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The posts of one Second Grade Assistant Excise Commissioner and one Third Grade Assistant Excise Commissioner have been vacant from 16-3-1104 and 24-7-1104 respectively.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : May I know where these posts of Assistant Excise Commissioners are now left vacant?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : One is at Trivandrum and the other at Mavelikara.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : May I know the reason why these posts have not been filled up?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Some temporary arrangements have been made in these two places.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : May I know what those temporary arrangements are?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Other officers of the department have been put in charge.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : Are the officers, in charge, Assistant Excise Commissioners or officers subordinate to them?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : In one place, I believe, one Assistant Excise Commissioner is in charge of two divisions ; and in the other an Inspector is in charge.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : May I know whether that arrangement could be allowed to continue further?

* *Vide* Appendix V page 19.

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Some more definite arrangements will be made soon.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): What I ask is whether the present arrangement of asking one man to undertake the work of two posts, would suffice?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have answered that. My answer is that some more definite arrangements would be made soon.

Bridges at the 4th and 5th milestones of the Kottarakara-Velinallur Road.

(129) MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state what action they have taken to repair the wooden platforms of the bridges at the 4th and 5th milestones of the Kottarakara-Velinallur road, so as to render all kinds of wheeled traffic possible along that road?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Estimates are under preparation for reconstructing the two bridges and a provision of Rs. 1,000 each has been made for the purpose in the Preliminary P. W. D. Budget for 1105. In the meantime, the existing bridges are being kept in a passable condition for cart traffic.

Lapse of allotments for the reorganisation of the Anchal and the Registration Departments.

(130) MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state the amount of money that would lapse this year (1104) on account of not carrying out the reorganisation schemes of the Anchal and the Registration Departments?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The whole amount provided in the Budget, *viz.*, Rs. 20,000 for the Anchal Department and Rs. 25,000 for the Registration Department.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): May I know why the amount is being allowed to lapse?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Some details of the scheme had to be considered and discussed; and that took a lot of time. The question had to be referred to the Financial Secretary and the Anchal Superintendent more than once.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): May I know when the scheme was prepared?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Soon after the last Budget Session of the Council.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): May I know the exact date?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That can be found out from a reference to the Proceedings of the Legislative Council.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): May I know the reason for this long delay?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I have already answered that question.

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